



OTTERBEIN

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Important Phone Numbers

Police	911 or 884-0080
Billing Questions	583-4944
Clerk's Office	583-0089
Republic/Allied Waste	477-9138
Streets and Water	583-3430

Councilmen

Kevin Burk	404-1481
Ron Shoup	337-5876
Dirk Studebaker	574-551-2903
Doyle Allison	583-9481
Mac McKinney	583-2821

Calendar

April 2015

1st	Trash & Recycle
1st	Limb Pickup Begins
3rd	Town Hall Closed
7th	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
15th	Trash & Recycle
21st	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
29th	Trash & Recycle

Otterbein Prairie Community Center

Every Tuesday - 6:30 PM Euchre Night
Men & Women, any age, are Welcome



Happy Easter

Sunday, April 5th



Limb Pick-Up Resumes

We accept LIMBS only



*Begins the 1st Wednesday of each month
*Maximum diameter - 8 inches

*Please have limbs to curb by 6:00 am
*Maximum length - 8 feet

Only limbs can be put through the chipper. If it's not a limb, or is very small, it can be placed in your trash can. If these criteria are not met, it will be left behind. Limb pick-up can be delayed because of rain due to the fact that wet limbs can cause damage to the chipper. On heavy limb times, such as storms, it may take several days to pick up all the limbs. We will start on the first Wednesday and continue daily until we have made a pass down every street.

If you have questions you may contact the Street Department at 583-3430

Nixle Sign-Up

When: April 15th Where: Town Hall

The Town of Otterbein has been and will continue using Nixle as a notification media for community events and alerts such as water issues, boil advisories, power outages, street closings, weather events, etc.

Nixle is a free service which allows the town to send out information concerning upcoming events of interest and important safety information thru text messages and or emails.

The Clerk's Office and Police Dept. will assist anyone desiring to subscribe to this service on April 15th between the hours of 8:30AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-4:00PM.

If you know of someone who is able to receive emails and or text messages, please make them aware of this offer. We are making a special effort to assist the elderly and or those with limited mobility.

If you have any questions concerning this service, what it is, what it does, please contact the Clerk's Office by telephone (583-4944) or in person at the Town Hall.

The Nixle service is free and may be stopped at any time by the subscriber.



Otterbein Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, April 4th

Place: Otterbein Fire Department

Breakfast: 6:00AM-10:00AM

Egg Hunt: 10:00AM (after breakfast)



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EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE OTTERBEIN TOWN COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015, 5:30 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM with all members present. The reason for the Executive session was to discuss information gathered on a potential employee.

Ron Shoup made the motion to adjourn at 5:53 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015, 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with all members present.

The Council conducted the hearing on utility disconnections. No residents were present to discuss. Ron Shoup made the motion to approve shut off for those on the Disconnect List. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the February 2015 Minutes as written. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. Kevin Burk read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$259,660.43. Doyle Allison made the motion to present the claims for payment. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ron Shoup brought up the need for some Stormwater repairs. He asked if it would be ok to get an estimate on the area on West Oxford St. and area behind Gregory Lane from the F&K Construction Company that is currently doing the hydrant work in town. Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles asked Attorney Jud Barce what the thresholds were for obtaining quotes and bids. Jud explained under \$25,000 council can just approve; \$25,000-\$150,000 you must solicit quotes and over \$150,000 you must go through the bid process. The Council unanimously agreed to obtain some estimates.

Doyle Allison questioned the department heads hiring without Council approval. It was shocking to him that we had a part-time deputy marshal working for the town that he was unaware of. George explained that he hired an additional officer to help with the scheduling. He has never been told there was an issue with other deputy marshals he has hired and was unaware he needed approval from the Council. Kevin stated that in the future to just inform the Council when a new person is hired. Doyle also believes that 2 relatives should not work in the same department. It was explained that our current policy just states that a supervisor can't supervise a relative. George stated in the future he will notify the Council of new hires.

The Council discussed that they had 4 good strong candidates for the General Laborer position. Doyle Allison made the motion to hire Seth Humphreys. Leon McKinney seconded the motion. Doyle Allison, Leon McKinney, Ron Shoup and Dirk Studebaker were all in favor. Kevin Burk abstained because he didn't sit in on the interviews. Motion carried.

Leon McKinney made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-0303 An Ordinance to amend the 2015 Salary Ordinance. The reason for the ordinance is to increase the General Laborer's salary to \$13.00 per hour. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Billy Walker Town Superintendent explained to the Council that the hydrant project is on hold until weather improves; there are 3 hydrants still to do. Billy will get ahold of the Street Sweeping Company; and also a company to clean the storm drain prior to the rainy season. The Council explained to have streets swept before the storm drains are cleaned. Billy explained about the accident where a vehicle came across center and hit the plow truck. The Council was just thankful he was not injured. We are down a plow truck until it can be repaired. He has to use the F550 truck to help plow, the tires need replacing. He is waiting on more quotes to come in before the tires will be replaced. Ron Shoup inquired about putting strobe lights on plow trucks. Billy will look into it. Billy also informed the Council that he is looking into a backup pump to have on hand for the clarifiers.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles explained of a new possible funding option for blight properties such as the Lutheran Church. It is a new program between EPA and OCRA. She is requesting permission for grant writer Shannon McLeod to send a letter of intent for the funding on the Town's behalf. The Council unanimously agreed to the request. Shannon had dropped off the Application for the Rural Development funding of the Downtown Street Lighting Project. Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the application and to submit it to Rural Development. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. Lastly, she explained the insurance has requested us to take the truck and get an estimate for repairs. She inquired where they would like to take the truck. They unanimously agreed to keep it local and take it to Kyburz Body Shop.

Under other business, Kevin stated to Billy that we need to be much better on salting the roads and follow up after a snow event. Alleys need to be taken care of. Doyle is tired of snow issues. Billy will make a list of alleys and Ron volunteered to drive town with him to obtain a full list of alleys. Billy admits he made a bad judgement call this morning and will do better; but did inform the council they did use 4 truckloads of salt and sand mix today. Council inquired how much we have left; in which Billy responded we have 3 times that left.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Doyle Allison made the motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015, 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with members Leon McKinney and Doyle Allison present; members Ron Shoup and Dirk Studebaker were absent.

The Council held the hearing for utility disconnection. No resident was present to discuss their case. Doyle Allison made the motion to approve those listed for disconnection. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Adam Sanford spoke to the Council regarding the Healing Vets Freedom Walk March 27-29, 2015. He would like the walk to start in Otterbein and would like assistance to close Main Street for 1 hour between 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM for the kick off. He believes there will be over 150 people seeing the walkers off. The Council agreed to shut Main Street down from Oxford Street to Second Street and the First Street cross over. He thanked the Council for their time and consideration.

Kevin Burk read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$49,178.66. Leon McKinney made the motion to approve the claims for payment. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mike Turchi with BF&S informed the Council that Wellhead Protection Phase II is complete.

The Council welcomed new employee Seth Humphreys. Seth updated the Council on his first week and updated them on his investigation of the storm drains in town and some street concerns. He also talked with Council regarding the locate equipment needing replaced. He was asked to get quotes.

Superintendent Billy Walker asked the Council if they would prefer to take the Hustler mower to Riggs in Lafayette; or to Wilkes at Montmorenci. The Council agreed to take it local to Wilkes. Billy presented 2 quotes for tires for the F550. Coogles for \$1,124 and Mr. & Mrs. tire \$1,072 plus excise tax. Kevin Burk made the motion to have the tires replaced at Coogles. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor. He then presented 2 quotes for Water SOC testing. The first quote was from HML for \$825; the other from Pace Analytical Services for \$1,580. Kevin made the motion to approve the testing be done through HML. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. Billy informed the Council that Clean Sweep will be here on April 1, 2015 to sweep the streets. They are planning on a full 8 hour day at \$920. If they don't use the full 8 hours it will be cheaper. The rain date will be April 8, 2015. He is still working on obtaining quotes for the storm drains to be cleaned out.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles stated that Seth would be going to Mosquito control classes April 9 for the Core training and April 14 for the Category 8 training. This will allow him to hold the license for Otterbein. Currently Dave Gillespie is our license holder and asked if they would like Dave to stay on this summer as such to show and teach Seth the process we use. The Council unanimously agreed.

Under other business, Kevin brought up a manhole lid needing attention at the intersection of Fourth and Main streets.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Leon McKinney made the motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.



Library News



- **Teen Space Wednesday April 1st at 4:00pm-** A dedicated teen program, the 1st Wednesday of each month. Come and participate in the program. From upcycling books, to creating your own poems, sticky note inspiration, and more. Can't make it to the program? That's ok. The activity will be set up all month long for teens to come in and do it on their own time. No registration required, just show up and bring a friend!
- **Every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:00 am, Mother Goose on the Loose Story time** - Join us for nursery rhymes, music, stories, and more. This award winning program is designed for ages birth to 3 years and is wonderful tool for early development like fine motor skills, self-confidence, and exposure to new words and sounds.
- **National Library Week Starting Monday, April 13** - It's National Library Week! When was the last time you stopped by the library? This week is a great time to come in and see all the great programs, materials, and new releases the library has to offer.
- **Thursday, April 16th at 1:30pm, Laser Show** - The Benton County Libraries are excited to announce that this years Annual Elementary School Program will be a Laser Show! Otterbein Elementary will be at 1:30pm. We look forward to getting the kids pumped up for Summer Reading!
- **Friday, April 17th Library Closed** - The library staff will be attending a conference in hopes to better serve our community. We will reopen Saturday April 18th from 11-3pm (and will be hosting a special OHS Alumni Association event).
- **Friday, April 24th from 9:00-5:00pm, at Benton County High School** - The Benton County Libraries are excited to present Indiana author Mike Mullin to BC. He is the author of the Ashfall series. He will be giving presentations throughout the day including an exciting demonstration of his Taekwondo skills.
- **Saturday, April 25th at 8:00pm (Sun. April 26th if weather is bad on Saturday), Star Gazing at the Library with the Purdue Astronomy Club** - There will be educational activities and presentations with the actual star gazing starting at 9:30pm. The Astronomy Club will be bringing 3 huge telescopes for people to look through! It is a Free event. Registration is required. Sign up at Opl.lib.in.us
- For more information call the library at 583-2107 or on the web at **[www. opl.lib.in.us](http://www.opl.lib.in.us)**

Watoto Children's Choir Performance

WHEN: Wednesday, April 29th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Otterbein United Methodist Church
405 E Oxford Street
Otterbein, IN 47970

Visit www.watoto.com for additional information.

Please contact OUMC with any questions.

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